

Claims 21, 24, and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Segars et al. in view of Ueki.

The applicant believes that the instant invention pre-dates the effective filing date of Segars et al. However, in order to expedite the issuance of the allowed claims, the applicant has canceled the rejected claims and will file a continuation application to present evidence of prior invention relative to Segars et al.

In light of all of the above, it is submitted that all of the claims are in order for allowance, and prompt allowance is earnestly requested. Should any issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney of record so that the case may proceed expeditiously to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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